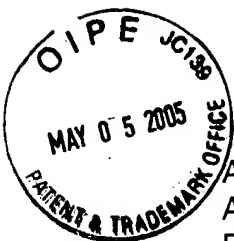


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EXTENSION OF TIME

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May 5, 2005

Sir:

Under the provisions of § 1.136(a), applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated November 16, 2004, for three months from February 16, 2005 to May 16, 2005. The Extension fee of Five Hundred Ten Dollars (\$510) is enclosed.

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